

**Applied Microbiology Services Lab
COVID-19 Lab Technician/Assistant (Temporary)**

Purpose

As part of the university's fall semester return-to-campus plan, which includes a comprehensive COVID-19 testing program, the Applied Microbiology Services Lab (AMSL), a joint, interdisciplinary BSL-2+ lab operated by the Department of Microbiology, College of Arts and Sciences, and the Infectious Diseases Institute, Office of Research, the AMSL COVID-19 lab service coordinator will provide COVID-19 testing services using a saliva testing model.

Position Information

University Position Title: Research Assistant 2, B/H

Status: Full-time; temporary

Salary: \$20/Hour

Pay Frequency: Bi-weekly

Reports To: Jeff Jahnes, AMSL manager

Position Description

Under the direction of the Applied Microbiology Lab Services (AMSL) manager and as part of a team of COVID-19 testing team, the AMSL COVID-19 lab services coordinator will perform tests on saliva samples utilizing the SalivaDirect RT-qPCR procedure using saliva samples from university students, staff, and faculty; provides direct support for all stages of the AMSL COVID-19 operational plan, including client services, sample processing, testing, and result analysis; operates specialized equipment and follows all testing protocols to produce results for input into the appropriate database(s); follows all required BSL-2 lab safety policies and procedures while conducting tests and operating lab equipment; works with HIPPA protected information and maintains confidentiality in all aspects of work functions; performs literature reviews, as needed; utilizes logistics management tools to organize data; trains new team members; maintains laboratory systems; schedules routine maintenance of equipment and troubleshoots problems with equipment; performs other duties as assigned by AMSL manager.

Required Qualifications

Bachelor's degree in microbiology or related field; experience working in research lab; ability to work in biosafety level 2 plus lab; experience with general lab equipment; ability to work with a diverse group of team members to complete tasks, as well as ability to work independently; well-developed communication skills (verbal and written); ability to maintain confidential information.

Desired Qualifications

Two-four years of relevant work experience; master's degree in microbiology or related field.

Additional Information

Position is *temporary* (actual duration unknown, but less than one year); work schedule may include non-traditional work days/times (e.g., evenings and/or weekends) as determined by AMSL lab manager to accommodate testing and lab needs, especially during peak conditions; background check required; must complete required training as outlined by supervisor within one week of hire date.

If interested, please email your resume by Friday, September 4th, 2020 to:

**Jeff Jahnes
AMSL Lab Manager
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